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## CITY BOARD OF ESTIMATE APPROVES PLAN TO BUY DREAMLAND PARK SITE

Also Orders Option Taken on Seashore Property at Rockaway.

VICTORY FOR PEOPLE.

Evening World Suggested Plot at Coney Island for Park After the Fire.

The Evening World's suggestion that the city acquire, by purchase for park purposes, the property at Coney Island devastated by the Dreamland fire three months ago, was unanimously adopted to-day by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. This action followed the adoption of a report submitted by a special committee which has been investigating the plan.

The members of the committee are Comptroller Frederick J. Aldrich, President Mitchell and Borough President Steers of Brooklyn. They submitted a recommendation that the city acquire at once a strip of land about 1,000 feet long, the shore front and 700 feet wide extending from West Tenth street to West Fifth street, exclusive of a strip 200 feet wide along Surf avenue belonging to the Dreamland company.

The committee also submitted two options offered by the Dreamland people on its entire property, one for \$1,500,000 and one for \$1,500,000.

At the suggestion of Mayor Gaynor the Board committed itself to the plan of purchasing the entire beach frontage between Surf avenue and the ocean and West Fifth street and West Tenth street.

It was agreed that the land can be purchased more cheaply now than at any time in the future and also that it can probably be secured more reasonably by direct purchase than through condemnation proceedings.

Following is the report submitted by the committee:

**HIGHLY DESIRABLE PARK SPACE FOR USE OF PEOPLE.**

"To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:—Gentlemen—The special committee to whom was referred the question of the desirability of acquiring a seaside park at Coney Island, after canvassing the situation thoroughly, recommends that a strip of ocean front bounded by West Fifth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, on the east, the Atlantic Ocean on the south, a line parallel to and distant 200 feet from the shore front, on the west, and West Tenth street, on the north, and a line parallel to West Tenth street, or nearly so, and distant from said West Tenth street 167-1/2 feet on the west, be acquired for public park purposes.

"This tract of land will cover an area of one thousand, (1,000) feet on the ocean front, by an average of approximately seven hundred (700) feet inland. The Dreamland Company, which owns approximately the westerly one-half of this tract including the two hundred (200) feet front on Surf avenue, which is excluded in the above description, has given to the city two options on its property: the one offering to sell to the city, at private sale, the sum total of its holdings including the Surf avenue frontage, at \$1,500,000, and the other, offering to sell its holdings to the city for \$1,500,000, in the event of condemnation proceedings having been instituted, and such condemnation awards having been in excess of this amount of \$1,500,000.

"Your committee believes that the acquisition of this strip of land along the shore front, and running within two hundred (200) feet on Surf avenue, WILL MAKE A HIGHLY DESIRABLE PARK SPACE, easily accessible to the people of the Greater City, and recommends that condemnation proceedings be instituted to acquire the same."

**BOARD ALSO TAKES OPTION ON SITE AT ROCKAWAY.**

In addition to acquiring the Dreamland site the Board also took an option on a 200-acre plot west of Rockaway Park. This is to be converted into another seaside park, with play grounds and a bathhouse which is to be situated in a section of the ground's near the ocean and to be devoted to the use of children afflicted with some other disease.

The city has the choice of paying \$1,500,000 to take the land by condemnation. A hearing on the proposition will be held Aug. 31. A number of civic

## REVISED WOOL BILL BY LA FOLLETTE IS PASSED IN SENATE

Republican Insurgents With Aid of Democrats Pass Measure, 48 to 32.

HOUSE BILL IS KILLED.

Measure Adopted Reduces Tariff to 35 Per Cent. Ad Valorem—Veto Threat.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—A compromise wool bill offered by Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, a modification of both his own and the House bill, was passed by the Senate 48 to 32, through the union of Democrats and Republican insurgents. Upon this middle ground the Democrats, having secured a record vote on the original Underwood bill, joined with the Republican insurgent forces.

The measure adopted reduces the raw wool duty to 35 per cent. ad valorem and correspondingly reduces the duties on woolen articles. The present Payne-Aldrich tariff on raw wool is 45 per cent.

The passage of the La Follette revised bill, followed the defeat of the original La Follette bill and the House measure.

There is some doubt as to what course the House Democrats will pursue with regard to the compromise bill. House Leader Underwood several days ago served notice that the House would not accept the original La Follette bill.

The "regular" Republican members of the Senate Finance Committee announced that because of the carrying out of the Democrat-insurgent Republican wool programme they would refuse to serve on the Conference Committee between the two Houses.

Although President Taft has made no definite utterance to that effect, it has been strongly intimated at the White House from time to time that he might feel called upon to veto a wool tariff bill, passed in advance of a report on that schedule from the Tariff Board.

"The situation is entirely to our liking," said Chairman Penrose of the Finance Committee. "We are satisfied that the President will veto any bill that can be sent to him within the range prescribed, and we shall proceed next winter with whatever tariff revision may be necessary. Then we shall have the Tariff Board's report and can work intelligently."

## COTTON TARIFF BILL REPORTED TO HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—The Underwood Cotton Revision bill was reported to the House to-day by Chairman Underwood of the Ways and Means Committee, but debate was postponed until tomorrow to permit the Republicans to file a minority report from the committee.

## FARMERS' FREE LIST BILL IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, July 27.—The Farmers' Free List bill was laid before the Senate by Senator Penrose to-day and made the unfinished business. Senator Brinson of Kansas announced he could offer amendments to it to be voted upon to-morrow. The final vote on the bill will occur Tuesday.

and philanthropic bodies have advocated the acquisition of this site for years and now the board is in favor of its acceptance. Comptroller Frederick J. Aldrich and President Mitchell have been foremost in advocating the Rockaway park site and have stated recently that any favorable action taken with reference to it would not operate against the interests of the greater sea side park site designed by The Evening World for Coney Island. Dr. John Brannon of the Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, Jacob A. Riss and others appeared before the Board to-day to urge the acceptance of the Rockaway park plan.

## TOMBS PRISONER SHOT ESCAPING OFF BRIDGE OF SIGHS

Wounded in Leg After Exciting Bombardment of Bullets in Street.

SLID DOWN A ROPE.

Painter's Scaffolding Helped Man Awaiting Grand Jury to Short Liberty.

In a daring attempt to escape from confinement to-day Joseph Hall, a square-jawed, red-headed young west sider, climbed through a window of the detention room of Part I. of the Court of General Sessions, gained the roof of the Bridge of Sighs between the Tombs and the Criminal Courts Building, dropped twelve feet to a painter's scaffold alongside the Bridge of Sighs, slid forty feet to the ground on a rope, ran a block and was stopped in Lafayette street by a bullet from a policeman's revolver which found lodging in his left leg. Hall is under indictment for felonious assault.

Fully ten shots were sent after the nervy fugitive by different policemen. The streets in the vicinity of the Criminal Courts Building and the Tombs were crowded at the time. With bullets flying through the air and careening from the pavements and walls of buildings it is a wonder that Hall was the only person shot—particularly as all the police marksmen aimed for Hall.

Hall is the first prisoner that ever attempted to get away from the Tombs or the Criminal Courts Building by way of the Bridge of Sighs. His try for freedom was made possible by the fact that two painters have been at work for several days past decorating the iron sides of the Bridge of Sighs with a coat of vivid red paint, which is to serve as the base for another coat of a color not so conspicuous.

**PRISONER SAW SCAFFOLDING AND PLANNED ESCAPE.** The scaffold upon which the painters are working hung to-day on the easterly side of the Bridge of Sighs across the heavily barred windows. It was visible to prisoners from the windows of the detention room of Part I. of General Sessions, which court-room is on the southeast corner of the third floor of the Criminal Courts Building.

With some twenty other prisoners Hall was taken across the Bridge of Sighs from the Tombs this morning and herded into the detention room in question to await pleading before Judge Crane. It was just before 10 o'clock and court had not opened. The Deputy Sheriffs in Part I were busy looking after the order in which their prisoners were to be produced in the court-room, and for a time the detention room was not closely watched.

Hall, who is twenty-seven years old and athletic, looking from the window, saw the scaffold and a rope depending from the floor of it to the sidewalk on the south side of Franklin street, alongside the high stone wall of the Tombs. The window of the detention room, unbarred, was open for air. Hall conceived his plan and put it into execution in a few seconds.

Leaping to the sill of the window, he gained the roof of the Bridge of Sighs and sped along until he was above the painters' scaffold. Swinging over the edge, he hung by his hands and dropped twelve feet, landing between two surprised members of the House Painters and Decorators' Union.

**SKIN TORN FROM HANDS AS HE SLID TO THE STREET.** Before the painters could make a move Hall had grabbed the dangling rope and started to slide to the ground. He did not go down hand over hand, but let himself slide. When he struck the pavement all the skin was torn from the palms of his hands.

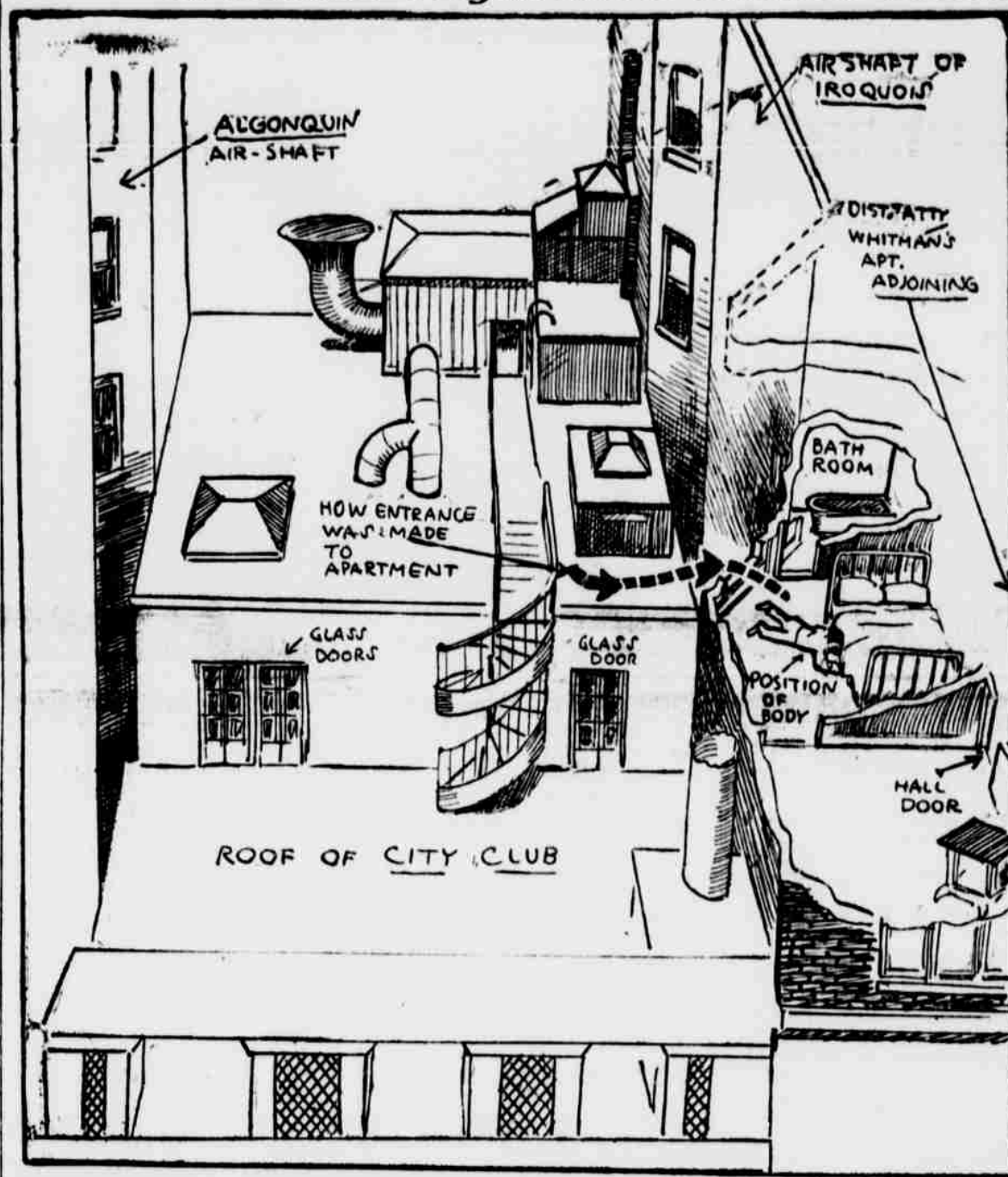
As he landed in Franklin street, Hall was facing westward. He started in that direction, with the intention of dodging down Lafayette street to Leonard street and then running into crowded Broadway and losing himself.

It happened that Policeman Daniel J. Bolger was crossing the Bridge of Sighs at the moment picked by Hall for his slide for liberty. Bolger hurriedly questioned the painters, looked through one of the windows on the west side of the bridge and saw Hall legging it for Lafayette street corner. Shooting at him he sent three bullets after the fugitive. The reports of the revolver, magnified by the resonance of the inclosed, empty Bridge of Sighs, were heard throughout the Criminal Courts Building.

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## BANKER MURDERED BY THIEF IN ROOM IN HOTEL IROQUOIS

Diagram Showing How Murderers of Banker Might Have Crossed Roofs



## GETS INJUNCTION AGAINST CUPID'S TOO ARDENT DART

Widow's Wooer Won't Stop Wooing Without Word of Legal Warning.

An injunction in restraint of love was granted by Supreme Court Justice Stapleton in Brooklyn to-day, in favor of Mrs. Elizabeth Werdner of No. 241 Stagg street, Williamsburg, Mrs. Werdner, who is an attractive widow, sought the injunction as a means of stopping the wooing of John T. Brehm, also of Williamsburg.

In various affidavits accompanying her application for an injunction, Mrs. Werdner said Brehm became attentive after she had purchased a saloon at her present address. He wanted to marry the widow and annex the saloon.

Beginning his suit for the hand of the widow and the incidental control of the saloon a year and a half ago, Brehm has kept up his love making at full pressure. He has also patronized the saloon freely, playing the freely three ways. He would occasionally play for a drink, but, having paid, would go to the till and borrow back the money. This was one of his cute little jokes.

The widow admits that Brehm sought with a certain amount of eclat as a wooer and that for a while she really contemplated wearing the name of Brehm. She was cautious enough, however, to look up Brehm's past and find out that he had a wife, who was still very much alive. Then she asked Brehm to oblige her by giving himself to be

absent as often as possible, preferably continuously.

Brehm laughed at the suggestion and made love harder than ever. He helped himself at the bar and at the till as constantly as before, and in desperation, the widow applied to the court. She has sued Brehm for \$200 damage to her business that his love-making interruptions caused, but as the suit is likely to drag along for months, her lawyers advised her to seek the injunction.

If Brehm refuses to obey the injunction he will have to continue his wooing from the Raymond Street Jail.

## 5 KILLED; 75 INJURED IN CRASH OF TRAINS.

Negro Excursionists Victims of Collision on Seaboard Air Line in North Carolina.

HAMLET, N. C., July 27.—An excursion train from Durham, N. C., on the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, bound for Charlotte, rushed head on into a freight train in the yards at this place at 10:30 A. M. to-day, instantly killing five persons and injuring about seventy-five. Many of the injured will die.

The train which ran into the freight was a negro excursion. All the dead and practically all the injured are negroes.

## SHEPARD SLIGHTLY BETTER.

LAKE GEORGE, N. Y., July 27.—Dr. Henning left Edward M. Shepard's home at 9:30 A. M. to-day after having been at the bedside of his patient for eighteen hours. He returned within a few hours and will probably remain the rest of the day and all night.

Dr. Henning said Mr. Shepard showed slight improvement over yesterday and seemed to have fully rallied after the lapse of Wednesday night. He is extremely weak and his exhaustion is as great as the outcome is problematical.

**\$12 BLUE SERGE SUITS, \$5.95** The "MUB" Clothing Corner, Broadway, cor. Barclay St., opp. Post-office, sells today and Friday, 2,000 Men's Serge suits, fast color, also large variety of Outing Suits, in light and dark colors; satin lined, all sizes, single or double breasted; worth \$12 in any other store; our price to-day and Friday, \$5.95.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE.

AT CINCINNATI.

GIANTS—0 0 0

CINCINNATI—2 0 0

Batteries—Brucke and Wilson; Keefe and McLean.

AT PITTSBURG.

BROOKLYN—0 0 0 0 0

PITTSBURG—2 5 0 0 0

Batteries—Trusker and Bergen; Loeffel and Strain.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

AT NEW YORK.

ST. LOUIS—0 0 0

HIGHLANDERS—0 0 5

Batteries—Nelson and Stepien; Fisher and Seaneey.

AT BOSTON.

CHICAGO—2 0 0 1 0

BOSTON—2 0 0 0 0

AT WASHINGTON.

DETROIT—0 0 0 0 0

WASHINGTON—0 0 0 0 0

AT PHILADELPHIA.

CLEVELAND—0 0 0 0

ATHLETICS—0 0 0 0

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Police Believe It an "Inside Job," Committed by Some Person or Persons Familiar With the Victim's Circumstances.

## CHLOROFORM TRIED FIRST, BUT SLEEPER WOKE UP

No One Heard What Evidently Was a Great Struggle—Blood Stains Washed Off.

All of the detective talent at the command of the Police Department, under the personal direction of Commissioner Waldo, aided by Deputy Commissioner George S. Dougherty and Inspector Hughes, is engaged in an effort to solve the mystery surrounding the murder of William Henry Jackson, seventy years of age, and for thirty years cashier of the firm of Van Schaick & Company, No. 7 Wall street, who was beaten to death in his bedroom at the Hotel Iroquois, at No. 49 West Forty-fourth street, early to-day. The detectives have accepted the theory that the aged man, who was wealthy, was murdered by some one having access to the hotel who had full knowledge of the habits, condition and infirmities of the elderly victim.

Following this idea the police are seeking an employee of the hotel who may be able to supply some information concerning what persons went to the tenth floor of the hotel, upon which Mr. Jackson's room was located. This employee was in charge of the elevator that took the murdered man to his room floor after he was last seen alive at 9 o'clock last night, and who, the police think, can recall any other persons who made the same trip. Two addresses were given as being the residences of this employee, but at neither of them have the police found the man they seek.

## "INSIDE JOB," POLICE THINK NOW.

That the murder was what is known as an "inside job," is made probable by these things:

The extreme difficulty of entering the hotel from any surrounding building without detection.

The fact that all of the known means of such entrance were under continual watch.

The fact that an inside worker would have known that Mr. Jackson was extremely deaf.

The fact that his liberality in tipping the employees created the impression that he was much richer than he really was.

The fact that access to the room where the murder was committed would have been comparatively easy for one accustomed to the hotel.

All of these circumstances combined to displace the earlier theory of the police that the murderers of the elderly cashier came over the roof of the City Club Building, immediately to the west of the Hotel Iroquois, either from that building or from the Hotel Algonquin, which adjoins the City Club.

## EVIDENCES OF DESPERATE STRUGGLE.

Evidences of a desperate struggle between the elderly victim of the murderers and the man who came to rob him were apparent, and the stage setting of the tragedy furnished a complete story in still objects which told in detail what has happened in the room.

A chloroform bottle found in the closet, empty and with the name on its skull-marked label destroyed, told of an effort to chloroform a sleeping victim. A rag in his mouth, made from a towel, added the detail of enforced silence, and the torn condition of Mr. Jackson's pajamas, the number and character of his wounds, and the condition of the room made the thread of the tragedy perfectly plain.

The burglars, so the police thought at first, had climbed over the three-foot airshaft between the City Club Building roof, which was flush with the tenth-floor windows of the hotel, into Mr. Jackson's room. Then they had chloroformed and gagged him, and while engaged in this work he awoke. He fought the intruders with the strength that is born of desperation and of the sensation of facing death in the dark, and he fought like a madman.

Wounds about the face and head showed that he had been repeatedly struck by the burglars, and probably with a blackjack or jimmy. A deep gash was over his right eye, and the skull was crushed by the final blow that ended the combat and sent the aged man to the floor, where he was found.

## WASHED OFF STAINS IN BATHROOM.

For motive, completing the essentials of the crime, every pocket of the clothing that had belonged to the man had been turned inside out and whatever valuables he had were taken. It was thought, before the burglars and the murderers went to the bathroom, washed their hands and wiped the stains away on the underclothing of the man they had killed.

All of this took place between 9 o'clock last night and early to-day. Coroner Winterbottom, who made an examination of the body, said that the hour of attack had probably been about 1 o'clock.

It was 9 o'clock to-day before the crime was discovered. Next to the room in which it was committed is the suite occupied by District-Attorney and Mrs. Whitman. They heard nothing during the night, and the District-